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I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Aliakbar Salehi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you concerning the situation in Bahrain (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68, and of the Security Council.

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As you are aware, for almost one year the continued and violent crackdown against the peaceful movement of the nation of Bahrain, which has sought the realization of its legitimate civil rights and has objected to the systematic violation of human rights and the discriminatory policies in that country, has been continuing.

A great number of people in this low-populated country have been killed, wounded, tortured and disappeared as a result of this systematic suppression, which has entailed gross violation of human rights including through foreign military intervention and suppression by the Government's agents.

The continuation of such a trend, especially the insistence on dispatching military forces to deal with peaceful demands of a people who are asking for their basic right of "one Bahraini, one vote", paves the way for more violation of the people's basic rights and threatens peace and stability in the region.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, following its basic policies of respecting the goals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, non-interference in the domestic affairs of other countries, and good-neighbourliness in its relations with neighbouring States, expresses its repeated deepest concerns about the developments in Bahrain, as they constitute a clear manifestation of grave violations of the international rules and regulations on human rights. The Islamic Republic of Iran warns against the serious consequences of foreign military interference there, which has, in effect, aimed at suppressing the movement in Bahrain by using all violent means against innocent civilians, and reminds the State of Bahrain and the interfering Government of their international responsibilities.

It seems the double standards and the hypocritical approaches of those with a greater role in the international decision-making process have increasingly encouraged the systematic domestic and foreign violators of human rights in Bahrain. Their short-sighted views have practically encouraged the killing of Bahraini civilians by using all political and propaganda apparatus in a targeted manner.

The shared human values and ethics of today's civilized world, which are derived from the aspirations and the experience of the United Nations as well as the great teachings of Islam as the common ground of our people in the region, make us wary of the atrocities happening in Bahrain. Furthermore, the widespread and brutal foreign intervention has taken the issue beyond the boundaries of Bahrain and has, increasingly, threatened regional security and stability.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while reiterating its commitment to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the norms of international law and respect for the independence and territorial integrity of Bahrain, strongly believes in the efforts to achieve a political solution to defuse the crisis in Bahrain through taking the required confidence-building measures for just talks. Iran condemns the continued egregious and systematic violation of the accepted international regulations on preventing the gross violation of human rights. The Islamic Republic

of Iran considers the continuation of foreign intervention in the country as a move to suppress the civilian population militarily, which paves the way for human rights violations and is against the norms of international law. Iran warns against the widespread consequences of these developments for the internal stability of Bahrain and regional peace and security.

There is no doubt that your position and responsibilities require that all available means and measures, along with your legal status, be utilized to draw the attention of the international community to the atrocities in Bahrain, to make the Bahraini Government avoid gross and systematic violation of the civilian population's human rights and to recall the necessity for the immediate halt to foreign military intervention in Bahrain's affairs.

Naturally, world public opinion, in particular the collective memory of the Muslim peoples in our region, observes carefully the current events in Bahrain and would not excuse the double standard and the selective approaches vis-à-vis the occurring developments in the region.

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